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INTRO PARAGRAPH OUTLINE SHEET

Thesis Formula:

Step One:	Step Two:	Step Three:
Narrow your topic! Who? When? How many? Which ones? Where?	Use a debatable phrase. _ does... _ does not... _ should... _ should not... _ highlights... _ ignores... _ assumes...	Make your argument apply to the audience. _ proving that... _ reminding one that... _ resulting in... _ making one doubt that...
Example 1: The longer school day in Chicago next year does not guarantee that students will be productive in classes, reminding one that young people need to find learning meaningful.		
Example 2: The longer school day in Chicago next year does guarantee more learning opportunities, resulting in increased student success.		

Draft your thesis here:

Step One: Narrow your topic.	Step Two: Use a debatable phrase.	Step Three: Apply it to the audience.

CRITERIA	YOUR NOTES
_____ The attention getter is present, fascinating, and makes your reader think.	ATTENTION GETTER:
_____ Background information is given on the topic.	BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
_____ The thesis statement is a focused sentence that clearly responds to the essay topic.	THESIS STATEMENT: